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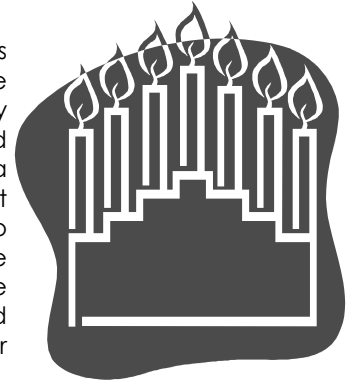
**THE PARISHES of BERE
REGIS and AFFPUDDLE
with TURNERSPUDDLE**

**The Reverend Ian Woodward
The Vicarage, Bere Regis,
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FEBRUARY 2004 THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE

It's hard to believe that with this months 'Thoughts', I am marking two years as
your Vicar here in the Benefice. The time has flashed by amazingly quickly, but for
all of us – and not just the Vicar, anniversaries should give us the opportunity not
only to be thankful but to do a little thinking, and perhaps some reflection too. A
good thing to do in these dark cold days.

Our marking of 'Candlemass' at our Sunday services
on 1st February is the moment when we finally leave
the warmth and glow of Christmas and the Nativity
behind and we set out for the challenge of Lent and
onwards to Easter. So I think we should, for a
moment, look back, and to take stock. Think about
the past year, what happened - what are we to
learn from our recent experiences and even more
importantly, how should we look forward and decide
what we are going to do in the future. What could
we do for the Church this year? How would your
reflections go?



Here are just a few in the past year. We have rightly but sadly been to war in Iraq
again, where our Commonwealth Forces performed outstandingly well, and the
Hutton Report sets ripples through the political establishment, raising questions of
integrity. Some senior politicians have lost their jobs, and new ones have come
along.

In the Church we have a new, challenging and traditional yet radical Archbishop;
and a gay Bishop has not been appointed in the Church of England but has been
appointed in the Episcopal Church in the United States. At home we had a lovely
summer with wonderful weather. Some of us have had sorrows with personal
bereavements, but good things like weddings and baptisms too. And so the list
could go on.

But how does a Vicar assess his year?

Church website: www.bereregiswithaffpuddle.org.uk

Well, one of the seminal books for prospective priests was, when I was training, a book by Archbishop Michael Ramsey called *The Christian Priest Today* – it's still a classic and a good read for any Christian, even if they're not contemplating the priesthood. At the end of the book Ramsey urges the reader to ask himself the very important question 'Have I made God real (today)?' It's a challenge and a measure not only of a priest but also of any Christian.

The point is that the Church is first and foremost a body of people, who worship God. Our joyful task is to live out our lives for the love of our friends and neighbours wherever and whoever they may be, because Jesus Christ wants us to make God a reality not only in Bere Regis and Affpuddle and Turnerspudde but throughout this wonderful world too.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th	Coffee Morning at Rene and Gordon Phillips's	10.30 a.m.
6th	PiP Childrens' Activities, Drax Hall	10.00 - 12.00
13th	PiP Childrens' Activities, Drax Hall	10.00 - 12.00
20th	PiP Childrens' Activities, Drax Hall	10.00 - 12.00
27th	PiP Childrens' Activities, Drax Hall	10.00 - 12.00

September

7th	Gardening Club—Harvest Supper	
11th	PiP Performer of the Year, Drax Hall	7.00 p.m.
11th - 19th	Dorset Architectural Heritage Week; Church Tours and Tower open	
18th	Kingsbere Quilters Exhibition at Cyril Wood Court	10.30 a.m.

October

5th	Gardening Club—Pat Haskells - Knoll Gardens	
9th	PiP Jumble Sale, Drax Hall	2.00 p.m.
16th	Church Gift Day	

November

2nd	Gardening Club—Richard Brown - Lambs Tails	
19th	PiP Children in Need, Drax Hall	10.00 - 12.00
27th	Christmas Coffee morning at Cyril Wood Court	10.30 a.m.
29th	Xmas Fayre - Autumn Leaves	2.00 p.m.

December

7th	Gardening Club—Christmas Party	
18th	PiP Christmas Party, Drax Hall	3.00 p.m.

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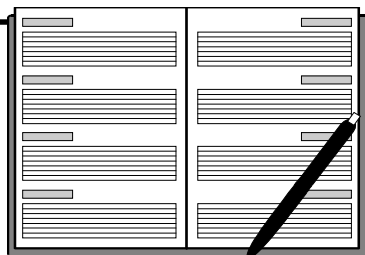
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<p>2nd prize - £10 MRS E STANDFIELD— NO 49</p>	<p>4th prize - £5 MR B JARVIS—NO 143</p>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



February

- 11th Experiences of Lady Brewer, Autumn Leaves 2.30 p.m.
18th Coffee morning at the Vicarage 10.30 a.m.

March

- 2nd Gardening Club—Val Hurlston-Gardener - My Favourite Gardens
20th Cancer Research UK Coffee Morning, Cyril Wood Court 10.00 a.m.
20th PiP Pip Squeak concert, Drax Hall 7.00 p.m.

April

- 5th PiP AGM Drax Hall 7.00 p.m.
6th Gardening Club—Keith Andrews - Plush Orchids
9th PiP Easter Egg Raffle and Bonnet Parade, Drax Hall 10.00 - 12.00
24th Mothers' Union Coffee Morning, Turberville Court 10.00am to 12.00pm.
28th Coffee morning at Charlie and Kath's, Autumn Leaves 10.30 a.m.

May

- 4th Gardening Club - Mr Tinsley - Underwater Off the Dorset Coast
14th Fork Supper with Pat and John House at West Court 7.00 p.m.

June

- 1st Gardening Club—Mark Read - Vegetables
8th PiP Village Quiz, Drax Hall 7.30 p.m.
19th Bere Regis Church Garden Party

July

- 3rd Bere Regis Church coach outing to Marlmesbury 8.30 a.m.
6th Gardening Club—John England - Iceland
18th Bere Regis Open Gardens
30th Vicarage BBQ

August

- 3rd Gardening Club—A Summer Evening In A Garden

THE PARISHES OF BERE REGIS AND AFFPUDDLE WITH TURNERSPUDDLE

The Vicar

The Reverend Ian Woodward
The Vicarage, Bere Regis, BH20 7HQ

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- Lay Reader Brenda Pitfield - 471391
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BERE REGIS CHURCH ROTAS

Bere Regis Sidesmen

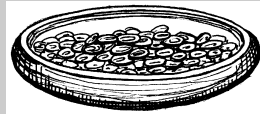
1st 9.15 Mr Bates / Mr House
3.30 Mrs Griffin

8th 11.00 Mrs March / Mrs England

15th 9.15 Mr Croom / Mr Smith
3.30 Mrs Jutting

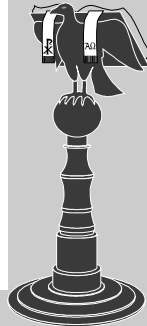
22nd 11.00 Miss Miller

29th 9.15 Benefice service at Affpuddle

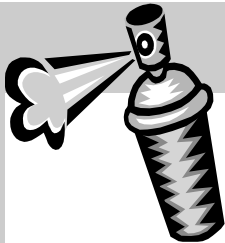


Bere Regis Evensong Readers

1st Mrs Griffin
15th Mrs Jutting



Cleaning and Dusting



Cleaning

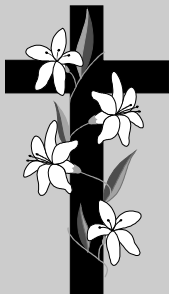
Dusting

31st January and 7th February	Mr R Robinson, Mrs A Robinson	Mrs O Curtis, Mrs M Lewis
14th and 21st February	Mrs H Green, Mr E Green	Mrs E James, Mrs M Carlyle
28th February and 6th March	Mrs C Clarke, Mrs M Comben, Mrs E Jutting	Mrs M Miller, Mrs E Munroe

Sanctuary Flower Guild

1st	Mrs C Burden	Mrs J Gibbs
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8th/15th	Mrs J Clarke	Mrs P Jesty
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22nd	Mrs J Kinahan	

Lent - no flowers Sunday 29th February until Sunday 4th April



Guides

Unit suspended

Kingsbere Quilters

1st Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. Drax Hall

Mini Market

10.00 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Drax Hall

Mobile Library

Every Friday alternately 11.15 a.m. -12.35 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. - 4.25 p.m. - Car Park

Mothers' Union

7.30 p.m. 1st Wednesday, the Church

Parish Council

7.00 p.m. 2nd Thursday, Drax Hall
Sub-committees on Post Office notice board

Playgroup Bere Regis

Five mornings, Bere Regis School - Tel: 01305 848792
Wednesday/Thursday PM

Pip Squeaks

Thursday)

A musical youth group. Thursday (except 2nd

6.00 p.m. - Drax Hall

Pop in Place

10.00 a.m.- 12.00 Mondays and Fridays, Drax Hall

Purbeck Singles social group

Contact Roy Winder - 01929 471456

Pop in Place Poppets

1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. Thursdays Drax Hall

Rainbows

4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Mondays, Royal British Legion

RBL Gardening Club

8.00 p.m. 1st Tuesday, Club House. - Elaine 471774

Royal Oak Golf Society

Golf days, last Friday in month - March to October.
Contact Guy Storey for further details - 471041

Scouts (10½-15 yrs)

7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. Mondays, Scout HQ

Swimming Club

Teaching sessions - Saturdays 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m., Blandford L. C. Bob Holman, 01305 848262

Toddler Group

1.30 p.m. Mondays, Congregational Church

Tuesday Club

A social afternoon 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. every Tuesday at Turberville Court. All welcome

Twinning Association

Contact Ruth Draycott - 471295 for all activities

Venture Scouts (15-20yrs)

8.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ

Village Scrapbook

Jenny Silavs - 471577

CHURCH AND VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society	7.30 p.m. 1st Monday, British Legion Hall
Affpuddle and Turnerspuddle Parish Council Meeting day	2nd Wednesday - 7.00 p.m. at Briantspuddle Village Hall. Agenda displayed on Village Hall notice board
Autumn Leaves (over 50s)	2.30 p.m. 2nd Wednesday, Drax Hall
Babysitting Circle	Contact Mary Lillie – 471365
Beavers (6-8 yrs)	6.00 - 7.00 p.m. Wednesdays, Scout HQ
Bere Heath Methodist Chapel	10.30am Sundays except 2nd Sunday monthly (3pm)
Bere Regis Youth "Lenny's"	RBL Club, 1st Wednesday and following Tuesdays Juniors 7.15 – 8.30 p.m. Seniors 7.15 – 10.00 p.m.
British Legion Club	7.15 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday 7.15 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Sunday
Legion Women's Section	2.00 p.m. 3rd Wednesday, HQ
B.R.S.C.	Winter season opening times: Tues, Wed, Fri 7.00p.m, Sat - 4.25 p.m., Sun - 7.30 p.m.
Briantspuddle Singers	7.45 p.m Tuesdays, Village Hall
Choir Practice	7.00 p.m. Fridays in Church.
C.A.B.	Wareham - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00 a.m.- 2.00p.m. (closed Wednesday) Bere Regis Surgery (for patients of the surgery only) Mondays 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Camera Club	7.30 p.m 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Cyril Wood Court
Coffee Stop	10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon, 1st Saturday, Cyril Wood Ct
Congregational Church	10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sundays, Butt Lane 10.00 a.m. Sunday School
Cubs (8-10½ yrs)	6.30 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. Thursdays, Scout HQ
Dancing classes	Fridays 4.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.
D.S.S. Van	1st Mon 10.15 a.m.-11.00 a.m. Bere Regis P.O.

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH ROTAS

Sidesmen, Readers, Readings, Intercessors and Chalice

Date	Time	Sidesman	Readers	Readings
1 February	8.00	P Badcock	P Thorniley	BCP as set
	11.00	J Solly	J Solly F Solly	Hebrews 2 verses 14-18 Luke 2 verses 22-40
8 February	9.15	S Jeanes	R Prideaux M Cropper	1 Corinthians 15 verses 1-11 Luke 5 verses 1-11
	3.30	K Wharton	D Bentley A Grindrod	Wisdom 6 verses 1-21 Colossians 3 verses 1-22
15 February	8.00	P Thorniley	P Thorniley	BCP as set
	11.00	R & N Killer	(to be allocated)	Luke 8 verses 22-25
22 February	9.15	S Gibbs	G Silavs P Badcock	2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2 Luke 9 verses 28-36
29 February	9.15	A Grindrod	J Royal S Frampton	Romans 10 verses 8b-13 Luke 4 verses 1-13
7 March	8.00	R Killer	P Thorniley	BCP as set
	11.00	K Wharton	A Armitage K Wharton	Philippians 3.17 - 4.1 Luke 13 verses 31-35

Intercessions: 8 February, J Haigh; 22 February, A Grindrod
Chalice: 8 February, J Haigh; 22 February, T Lane

Cleaning and Flowers

	Flowers	Cleaning
1st February	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Thomiley
8th February	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Flint
15th February	Mrs. Thorniley	Mrs. Cropper
22nd February	Mrs. Thomiley	Mrs. Perris

CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

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Sunday 1st February - Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemass) – (Epiphany Four)

8.00am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis
11.00am	Mattins & Shortened Communion	Affpuddle
3.30pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

Sunday 8th February - Third Sunday before Lent (Septuagesima)

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Parish Communion	Affpuddle
11.00am	Family Service	Bere Regis
3.30pm	Evensong	Affpuddle

Sunday 15th February – Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)

8.00am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis
11.00am	Family Communion	Affpuddle
3.30pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

Sunday 22nd February – Sunday before Lent (Quinquagesima)

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Parish Communion	Affpuddle
11.00am	Family Communion	Bere Regis

Wednesday 25th February – Ash Wednesday

7.30pm	Benefice Communion service with Ashing	Bere Regis
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Sunday 29th February – First Sunday in Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bere Regis
9.15am	Benefice Communion	Affpuddle
2.00pm	Holy Baptism	Bere Regis
6.00pm	United Service – Congregational Chapel	Butt Lane

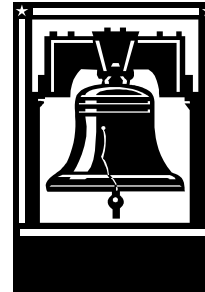
Sunday 7th March – Second Sunday in Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
9.15am	Parish Communion	Bere Regis
11.00am	Mattins & Shortened Communion	Affpuddle
3.30am	Evensong	Bere Regis

CHURCH SERVICES

BERE REGIS CHURCH NEWS

BERE REGIS BELLRINGERS



Practices continue on Wednesday evenings at 6.30.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The collection sent to the Children's Society amounted to £362.00 of which the Chringle Service was £310.00 and the Bere Regis First School Carol Service was £52.00.

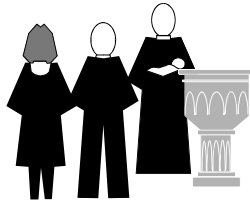
Our many thanks to all who gave so generously.

Gordon Phillips, Treasurer

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

28th December, at St Laurence Affpuddle, Harry David Sizer



Funerals

5th January, at Poole Crematorium, Florence Maud Joan Duke

12th January at St Laurence Affpuddle, Jan Hopkins, followed by cremation at Poole

15th January at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis, Edward Thomas 'Ted' English, followed by cremation at Poole

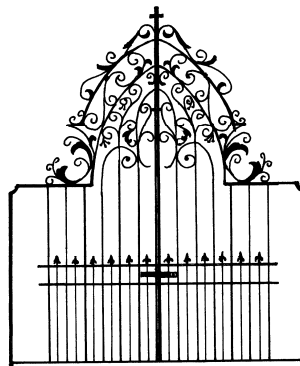
CHURCH PORCH GATES

Our grateful thanks to everyone who has contributed to the gate fund.

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3rd July 2004

Cost £15 to include entrance to garden

For details and booking contact John and Pat House on 01929 551266

8.30 a.m. depart

MOTHERS' UNION

The January meeting was held at Turberville Court on the 7th January 2004. Hazel welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer. There were 21 members present.

Brenda then showed a video of Sydney, Australia which she visited in 2002. This was very interesting and gave us an insight into Christian



Worship in Australia. We also had a letter from a Mothers' Union member in Australia telling us about their activities.



Christine received a letter from Gordon Phillips thanking the Mothers' Union for their contribution to the Church funds.

We concluded our meeting with a cup of tea and following our New Year custom had our members' gift exchange.

Mary, Kay and Shirley carried the Mothers' Union Banner for Plough Sunday on 11th January 2004.

The next meeting will be on the 4th February 2004 at 7.30pm in Turberville Court when the speaker will be Mrs Wendy Staples of "Homestart".

A warm welcome is extended to any woman who would like to become a Mothers' Union member - simply turn up at the next meeting.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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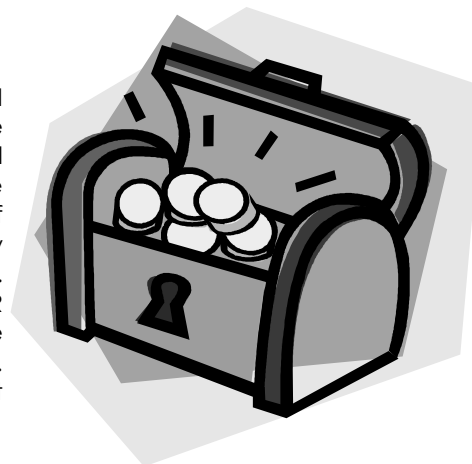
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Edward 'Ted' English

We are here today to honour and give thanks for the life of Edward 'Ted' English.

Sailor, health administrator, husband, father, grandfather and photographer, d-i-y perfectionist and more recently enthusiastic computer user.

Known to all as Ted, he was born in Roehampton in South West London on the 21st October 1922 – a hugely significant date. Not only because Ted was born then, but because it was the 117th anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar – the only date a true British sailor has to remember, apart of course from Audrey's and subsequently Philip's and Julie's birthdays.

His parents were Thomas and Beatrice but alas Beatrice died of TB when she was only 23, so Ted was brought up by his Mother's very loving aunt and uncle Isobel and Edward Evans. Ted always felt privileged that he had 'Two Dads'.

Schooling was initially at the Sacred Heart school in Roehampton and subsequently at Clark's College in Putney, where he was an excellent academic student.

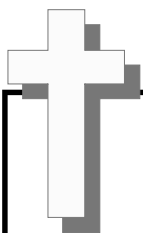
His first job was with an electrical retailer – J&M Stone where he earned the princely sum of £1.2s.6d per week.

He then joined the Civil service working for the Ministry of Health in Parliament Square, Westminster and when World War II broke out his department was moved to Blackpool, in Lancashire.

Being born on the anniversary of the day Nelson died may have been some influence on Ted joining the Royal Navy on his 19th birthday in 1941. Ted said little about his war time experiences, perhaps because he would have lost many good shipmates. He saw service in MTB's in Norway and the Mediterranean and he was embarked in HMS Dulverton, a Hunt class destroyer, a small ship with powerful 4inch guns. His particular specialisation was as a radar operator and also as a gunner, and the ship spent much time protecting convoys from enemy submarines. His ship, the Dulverton, was sunk in the Mediterranean and after some time in the sea he came ashore on Turkish coast.

Later, in the last stages of his Royal Navy career, Ted went to Boston USA, where he was de-mobbed and he was able to meet up with his natural father and step mother, after which he returned to England.





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In 1949, this dashing former sailor was at a dance at St Paul's Church Hall in Wimbledon. He was wearing a grey suit and a carnation and he captured the heart of the young 16 year old Audrey, and after four years of courting they were married in 1953, at St Paul's Church Wimbledon, the year of the Queen's coronation.

The early years of their marriage were spent in South West London, initially in a very modest room within a larger house, in Putney, and then they moved to a more comfortable flat in Tooting Bec. By now Ted had rejoined the Ministry of Health, back in Westminster.

Philip came along in 1957, and two years later Julie was born.

In 1961 the family moved to Crowthorne in Berkshire where Ted had taken up a post at Broadmoor hospital.

After three years Ted and Audrey purchased their own home at Crowthorne where they lived until 1978 when Ted was promoted to Clerk to the Mental Health Review Tribunal – a very demanding position which covered the whole of the South of England.

Ted retired from the Civil Service in 1983, and he took on a number of less demanding roles including as administrator to a local school.

By now they had moved again, this time to Kingston-upon-Thames, where they remained for over 20 years until they moved to Bere Regis just two years ago. Dorset had often been the special venue for holidays over the years – caravanning at Durdle Dore and Swanage

During those happy years in Crowthorne and Kingston, Ted and Audrey made many life-long friends, and they were supportive of Ted throughout his illness and especially at this time, when Audrey has felt very comforted.

Last March Ted and Audrey celebrated their Golden Wedding.

Their short time in Bere Regis has been very happy indeed – Ted said it was the best time of their lives.

They were made very welcome and they made many new friends, and that's very good indeed.

Being an only child, Ted was very happy to become a much loved member of Audrey's large family and he always extended a warm welcome to them at his home.

Ted's interests lay largely in the family home and family



passion for a "Dark Lady" is well-known, but under what scandalous circumstances did he take a high-born lady of the court to bed? And how did he get mixed up in the fraught romance between a young half-French girl and a London apprentice? Back in Stratford was Anne Hathaway, the wife of his choice: but was there another Anne whom he passionately loved and dramatically lost? Research reveals the real Shakespeare in Love". Promising stuff!

Philippa Thorniley

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the January meeting of the Parish Council the following business was discussed.

Commander de Burgh gave a report on the draft of the Parish Plan. With the exception of a few minor amendments the Parish Council gave the go ahead to prepare a final draft.

During the Public Participation Period Major Moriarty drew the Council's attention to the increase in traffic through the small roads within the village in particular it was noted that at least one heavy goods vehicle used the roads every day. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Highways Department with a view to seeing what could be done to reduce this nuisance.

County Councillor Shakesby reported on policing matters, matters to do with the presence of travellers in Sairs Wood and road matters.

The Council approved the signing of the Local Authority Precept form in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Authority was given to pay accounts.



Under Any Other Business the state of the private road in Bladen Valley was discussed and the implications of the large puddle that had formed near the Affpuddle/Briantspuddle road affecting the war memorial. Further enquiries would be made.

Authority was given for arrangements to frame the large Ordnance Survey map purchased as a result of work on the Parish Plan.

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th February 2004 at 7.00 p.m.

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life – gaining enormous pleasure from the close relationship with his grandchildren.

Ted loved the beauty of this part of Dorset, and most days he and Audrey were out making the most of it. Particularly, improving his recuperation from major heart surgery in the Purbeck fresh air.

Ted was multi-talented. He was professionally recognised photographer, and he loved landscaping his gardens.

At the age of 80 he took the very brave step of purchasing a home computer and enrolling on a computer course at Kingston Maurward College. He was proud of his computer skills and grateful for the help from his nephew John.

Ted was a great home-builder, and he never undertook any job without carrying it out to his most meticulous and demanding standards.

His humour was legendary amongst his family and friends and with his dry wit, he was a master of the 'one-liner' no doubt learnt in his Navy days.

To Audrey and Philip and Julie; to Carl and Leo, Lynn and Nick, Emma and Samuel and to Audrey's brother Ben we extend our love and sympathy and promise to support and uphold them now and in the days to come. Hold on to all those wonderful memories.

Ted, may you rest in peace on the seas of heaven. Amen



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Jan Hopkins

A tribute to Jan – by John Ackland

This service is about so many things. It is most definitely a real celebration of Jan's life: how could we not be thankful for her and want to celebrate that life so full and so creative?

But today is also about a completion of that life. It is our way of expressing our thanks for her; for who she was, who she is and who she always will be for those who knew and loved her. And, in so doing, in a sense, give her back.

It is a time of real heartache, of loss and of grief, even though we know, of course, that that the ache of bereavement is the price we pay for love.

It is a time to recall Jan's life and that is not an easy thing to do: we could talk for the rest of the day about the many facets of Jan's creative life and not tell a part of it.

I think it is honestly safe to say that she was one of life's brightest stars.

She was born in Lancashire in Lytham and then as a girl moved to Welling in Kent before returning to Blackpool, where she attended St Anne's College. Jan was never an 'also-ran' sort of person and neither was she at school. She was Head Girl; when she joined the Guides she soon became Patrol Leader; She was also a Sea Ranger!

Jan continued her education at Ripon Teacher's College to qualify as Primary School Teacher. She moved to Surrey and her first Teaching job was at Cranleigh Primary School.

As we all know, a 24 hour day was not created for Jan- she would pack so much into whatever time she had.

Always interested in keeping well and fit she joined an evening class to learn how to play Badminton. It was there that she and her best friend Jenny met Graham, her husband to be, and his best friend Brian.

Those friendships blossomed and Brian and Jenny were later married and in 1974 Jan and Graham also became man and wife.

Initially they moved to Guildford but their honeymoon in Provence convinced them that the next stage in their lives would be a life in France.

It was a sort of spontaneous adventure. There was no

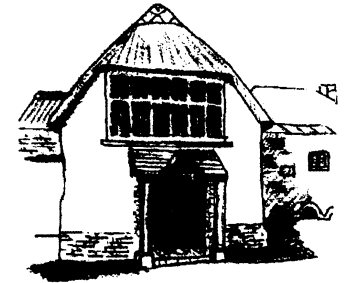


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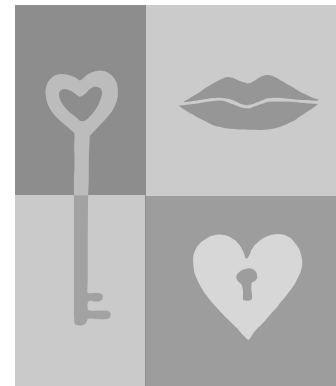
VILLAGE HALL NEWS

At the time of going to press The Eduardo Niebla Duo concert has not taken place. There will be a report in next month's magazine.

The film "Possession" has also not taken place, again a report in next month's magazine.



The Valentine's Supper



Tickets costing £8.00 are available from Hall Committee Members. The price includes a three course meal and a welcome glass of sparkling wine on arrival, red and white wine and orange juice will be available to buy.

Please let your ticket seller know if you are a vegetarian. The committee is aware that there are several people who are diabetic and a suitable pudding or biscuits and cheese will be provided.

Get your tickets as soon as possible for what is expected to be a really fun evening.

"Shakespeare's Other Anne"

The final Artsreach event of the Winter season, Richard Derrington in "Shakespeare's Other Anne" takes place on Friday 26th March 2004 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets costing £5 will be available from the beginning of March or whenever a "flyer" is delivered to your house.

Those of you who came to "Taylor's Tickler" in 1997 and "My Kingdom for a Horse" in 2001 will remember Richard's talent. As I said in last month's magazine he used to play Mark Hebdon in the Archers.

I quote from the notes I have been given:-

"Shakespeare's Other Anne" is written by his Archers associate William Smethurst, an intriguing drama set backstage at London's Globe Theatre. Shakespeare's

quality in this game and gave the home team a proper caning with six of the best. Bere's solitary goal came, once again, from the Earl of Dacre with his right royal left foot, finding the corner of the net more easily than finding Saddam in a foxhole. As for the rest of the game, I shall spare the blushes for most of the home team by praising the Sandford eleven. Especially a centre forward, who oozed class, epitomised by the final goal as he teased the defence before unleashing an unstoppable shot into the top corner.



The Christmas break could not come soon enough.....

Bere Regis 2: Bovington Challengers 1

Bere's first game of the season was a defeat against the Challengers so it was good to see how this young team (and Paddles) has improved in such a short space of time. It is not often that the manager feels inclined to praise everyone, but with a true team performance such as this he had no choice. Obviously, everyone remembers the goal scorer and once again Texas Tom Bennett continued his good form to get both the goals, both being one-on-ones with the keeper which is becoming a bit of a trademark for the lad (one I am obliged to say from a sublime through ball from Kev Cox – do I keep my place in the Saturday team now Kev?). But to come back from 1-0 down at half time shows great spirit against a well disciplined side such as this and with the team now safely ensconced in sixth place they are starting to eye the teams above rather than below them now.

Bere Regis Sports Club

The Sports Club is still looking to appoint a Groundsman.

The Groundsman is responsible for the overall maintenance of the sports field, including, as necessary, grass cutting, rolling and marking the pitches and trimming the boundaries. Further duties will consist of putting up and taking down the nets, cleaning the changing rooms and emptying the rubbish bins. The Groundsman is assisted in these duties, particularly during the Summer months, by a number of trusty volunteers.

Hours and pay negotiable.

For further details, please contact 471512.

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'major strategic plan' just a clear sense of adventure and new beginning.

They went to Lyon for its skiing and its lovely climate. They found employment more difficult than they imagined even though they both had qualifications and experience that should have made it easy. However, ever resourceful Jan and Graham enrolled at the Lyon University for an intensive course in French.

They both found work- Graham doing delivery work and Jan teaching English and they soon moved into their own apartment.

Even though they loved their life in France both Jan and Graham felt homesick and planned to return to England. Lots of people tried to dissuade them but their minds were made up.

They returned to Guildford and quickly found work. Graham returned to his Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries job and Jan, too, found a job there, as she had decided that she did not to pursue a teaching career.

That's also a part of Jan, isn't it, that readiness and willingness to explore new ideas and not be tied to old decisions simply because they were right at the time, but rather to seek out what is right for now. It's all part of her brave 'wonder' full view of life.

When Jan's imagination was fired she would be able to be incredibly focused – wanting to understand all there is to learn about whatever it was-and to her very best.

It was on a visit to Graham's mother in Wimborne that Jan became interested in Windsurfing. It must have been something to do with the skill and freedom of the sport that she loved because she pursued it with a real passion. She entered competitions and it was not long before many cups and medals filled the shelves at home.

Jan and Graham met many new friends through Windsurfing and two of them, Kelsey and Roy introduced Jan to snow skiing- she loved it and was brilliant at it.

Later they bought a boat and kept it at Poole, spending all their spare time in Dorset until they decided to move there. In 1997 Jan was offered voluntary redundancy and took it. Graham found he could arrange a transfer of his job to Dorchester- and that was it. They found their cottage in Brianstpuddle and Jan, deciding to do things properly- as she always unceasingly did- joined Kingston Mauward College to study Countryside Management.



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Two years later she was judged best student and was awarded a City and Guilds Medal of Excellence.

That move to Briantspuddle was a hugely significant one: more so than she or Graham could ever have imagined. Everything was-honestly- perfect. The cottage and the garden-especially the wild garden she set about creating, was a dream come true. But it was not just the cottage and the garden it was, maybe above all it was, the people: the community, you.

Her friendliness and cheerfulness meant that she made friends easily and she loved the people around her. She loved you.

It was in 1999 that she began to feel unwell and, devastatingly, Multiple Myeloma was diagnosed: a terminal illness.

But with all the chemotherapy and the transfusions Jan maintained a powerful, positive attitude and a zest for life.

Jan had Multiple Myeloma but, even at the end, it never had her.

She began work with the Dorset Wildlife Trust as a volunteer and was soon on the staff. She loved it.

When treatment and the illness made the work too difficult she began a series of Talks and Slide Shows on Nature and Gardening to Villages throughout Dorset.

When the Village Shop and Post Office at Briantspuddle was restarted she was, of course, quick to volunteer. She was always a great organiser and worked with others sorting out the volunteers and getting everything running smoothly.

Anyone new to the village Jan would be there welcoming them and encouraging them to join in the community. She arranged a Town Twinning between Bere Regis and Cerences in Normandy and a weekend as guests of the good people of Cerences in September.

Even though she was undergoing treatment for this awful illness she carried on regardless- she decided to study French again to enhance her language.

She was a fervent campaigner whether it was about litter on the A35 or about protecting the countryside and its peace and quiet.

Right up until the last she was making plans and thinking ahead-full of energy and spirit.

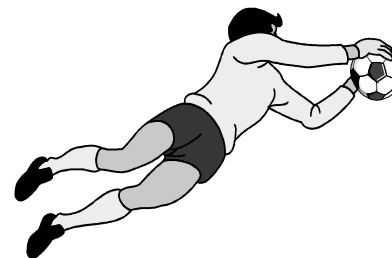


It's been a while since the Bere faithful were treated to any kind of football, let alone a treat such as this. With more postponements than Virgin trains the Bere team had enjoyed an unusually long festive break. This did have the advantage of allowing Rob White to recover from his groin strain (Newlyweeds...all the same!), although Dean was absent to do a spot of caving (Yes I'm sure he found one big enough!!). The disadvantage was that in the first half Bere looked rustier than Neal Percy's razor. The defence were all over the place, whilst the forward line couldn't find the net if their life depended on it and after one particularly bad miss from Sean Cope murder was a distinct possibility.

The second half was a different story. Sean Cope suddenly discovered where the net was with a blistering finish from an inch perfect Stu Moore cross and from thereon in Bere just got better and better. Stu found the net himself soon after, robbing the defender and finishing with aplomb. Bere were now purring like a cat in a milk factory and cutting Okeford apart at will. A slight aberration from Mick Mahoney caused a few anxious moments as he chested an Okeford player to the ground in retaliation, but thankfully the referee showed good judgement and Mick was lucky to only see yellow. He responded by letting his feet do the talking and Bere were off again. Sean Cope poached another, whilst Miller came on to pop up in the area and keep his goalscoring ratio at a goal per shot, Owen eat your heart out! Sean Cope then rounded off a well deserved hat trick with the best of the lot. With a speed of foot to match Fred Astaire on fast forward he found some space on the edge of the area and drilled a precise shot into the bottom corner. There was still time for one more as Rob White lined up a free kick on the edge of the penalty box and fired one towards the top corner. Despite an outstanding save from the keeper he could only push it onto the bar and back down to that goal predator Stu Moore who eventually forced it through the keeper and into the net.

Look out Div 3 N & E...Bere are back!!

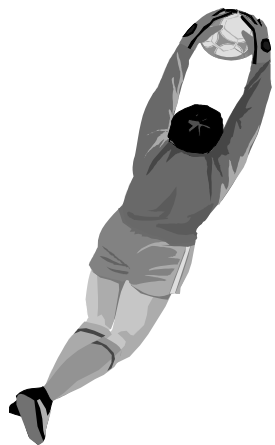
Sundays



Bere Regis 1: Sandford 6

A hastily rearranged game for Bere meant a hastily arranged side and a result that showed it. Earlier in the season Bere had come close to a creditable draw in the away fixture, but Sandford showed their





vodka could wear off they went straight for the jugular with some success. First Bere's newest Old Git, Adrian Moore, opened his legs and showed us his talent, as David Coleman would say, with a surge of pace and a perfect finish. Then Bere's newest striking talent, Darren Spivey, showed us why he is wasted at the back (and in the bar) as he pounced on a loose ball in the box and smashed it into the net to level the scores. The youngsters were rattled and should have been behind when Spice Boy Price was through on goal with only the keeper to beat. I never thought I would see the day when Price Boy was criticised for not shooting early, but this delay allowed Adam 'Rio' Moss to recover and with another precision tackle this star of the future saved the day again. This proved a turning point as the youngsters soon reasserted themselves. Adam, Stu,

Mick and Neal started pulling some strings and before you could say 'Is the bar open yet?' the youngsters were 5-2 up.

There was still time for another comeback from the Old Gits in a game that had more twists than a Chubby Checker concert. Dr Dacre gave us another surgically precise finish to pull one back and with Pip playing the Zidane role (I never thought I would ever write that!) the Old Gits were piling on the pressure. Spivey popped up from nowhere to score his second (a suspicion of handball, but if its good enough for Maradona!) and make the game interesting. With seconds ticking away a long punt upfield from Rob White left two on two at the back. Spivey timed his header to perfection, Moore lashed it into the top corner and the Old Gits were level again. That was when they made their fatal mistake. Instead of calling for the end of the game (the timekeeper could be easily bought) they played on for the winner. Having said that, they almost got it as Rob 'Schmeichel' White popped up for a corner and just skimmed the bar with his header, ending up with a bloody nose for his pains. The Whippersnappers had seen enough by now and finished the game with a classic goal. Neal Percy tricked his way down the right and found Sean Cope on the edge of the area, who dived to power a header in off the crossbar. Despite time being called the Old Gits battled for the equaliser (I told you the timekeeper could be bought) but one final goal from the youngsters and the lure of the bar proved too much to resist.

This could be the end of an era.....although the Old Gits still won the drinking at the end. Some things never change!

Saturdays

Bere Regis 6: Child Okeford 0

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The Hymn we are going to sing in a moment is 'Jerusalem'- Jan liked it and it is very fitting because it is all about building things- making things new- asking questions- full of possibility. That was Jan's life, full of the endless possibilities that excited her and inspired her.

There are those lovely lines in the second verse:

"...I shall not cease from mental fight, Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand....."

They could have been written about Jan's view of life- the mental fighting to learn and grow- to always understand more and the fight against her illness- a sword that never slept.

Two years ago Jan and Graham and Megan his mother, Graham's sister Angie, my wife, and I went to Wales to stay in a cottage on the beach in Llaneranog in Cardiganshire. It was a lovely later summer week. Jan had just completed another set of exhausting treatments. But you would never have known. She was so alive to life. Her tremendous interest in nature, the flora and fauna that was all around us and, quite honestly; I would not have noticed a fraction of it unless she had been there.

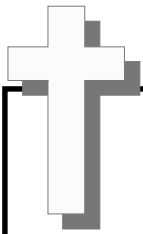
We went swimming and body surfing, walking and exploring, but most of all, it was about laughing. Angie and I had to come back a few days before everyone else and it was two days later that we received a mad postcard Jan had created written in perfect Welsh. When we looked closely we realised that the whole message was a list of the Welsh road signs we had seen on our drives around Wales. Such fun!

There are so many, many people that will miss her- she would always help out when others needed a hand and people would also help her. When there was the fire at the cottage, the support and the help she and Graham received was extraordinary- from helping to evacuate the furniture as the fire worsened, to helping them sort themselves out until their cottage could be restored; and all whilst Jan was undergoing intensive, debilitating treatments for her illness. Very few people would have ever imagined that there was anything wrong.

Dear friends here will miss her, as will her sister Bo to whom she had been very close and to us in Graham's family- especially Graham's mother Megan for whom Jan was very much a part of the family and who loved Jan dearly.

So what is it then that captures Jan in a phrase? Is it her energy, her creativity, her ability to make things happen?





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Or is it her tenacity and resolve: or her kindness and friendship towards others? Is it her humour and sense of joy?

Maybe her consummate gift was communication in a thousand different ways- with people and with nature.

Of course, as you know only too well, Jan was all of these things and much, much more.

St Paul once wrote that the most important thing in our lives is love: it's love that gives life its meaning and purpose.

Love, as he put it: *"endures all things, bears all things... love never ends...."*



BERE REGIS SPORTS CLUB

The Boxing Day Extravaganza

Young Whippersnappers 7: Old Gits 5 - MATCH VOID

How unfortunate for the young whippersnappers that, following their first win for many years, the match has been declared void but..... rules is rules. A random drink and drugs test was conducted after the game by that impartial adjudicator Rob White (a man who has always been good at extracting the urine) and the Young Whippersnappers were found to have no trace of either drink or drugs, obviously 'The Gloved One' was one of those not tested. Under the strict rules of the Extravaganza this is not allowed and so the game has been declared null and void.



This shameful incident did not detract from the thrilling spectacle on the day as the Old Gits showed that they still have something to offer the young whippersnappers, besides the usual Werthers Originals and a soft lap to sit on. They certainly did themselves no favours, though, by consuming bottles of both whisky and vodka in their pre-match warm up. I am not sure that this was the kind of team spirit employed by Clive Woodward! Sure enough, with the wind at their backs the Young Whippersnappers came flying out of the blocks and were two goals to the good within five minutes. Stu Moorse had shaken off his groin strain, as young men often do, and got his brace quicker than a buck toothed dentist. Luckily, two old veterans finally surfaced from the changing rooms to shore up this leaking defence and add a bit of shape. Pete 'I wish I had not brought my boots' Whittaker gave us a better shape at the back, whilst Pip 'I'm glad I brought my inhaler' Evans gave us a much more well rounded shape in midfield. As a result, the Old Gits found themselves back in the game, although still under the cosh. It was good to see Mickey Percy back in a Bere shirt showing a touch of class in a midfield more packed than a Chippendale's Y-fronts. It was also good to see Bungy 'The Daddy' Brown back ploughing his furrow next to him and proving that he had not lost any of his touch...still a donkey! What was not good for the Old Gits was the awesome sight of Pete 'The Fat Cat' Macklin in the youngster's goal. A few less than kind remarks, mostly from himself, stung him into action and he made a couple of top class saves from the Old Gits front two, although admittedly Pricey's shot was about as powerful as one of his punches. With Rob White matching the Fat Cat save for save the half time score remained at 2-0.

A bit of oiling of the joints at half time in the Old Gits changing room and they were a different team at the start of the second half. Before the effects of the



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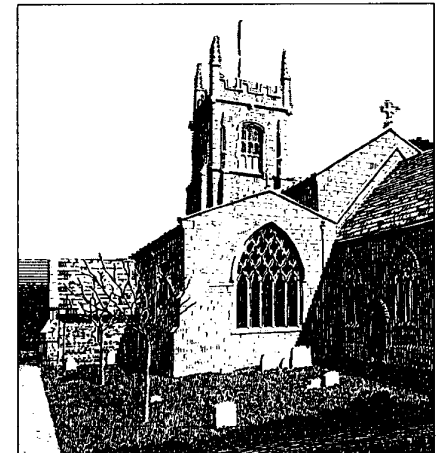


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This scheme is introduced to get the appliance on the run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, which can only be good for the community, the station and DFRS.

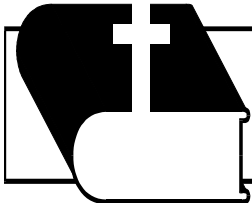
A change of personnel at the station as Sub Officer Gary Hewitt takes time out. LFF Pat Merritt is temporarily promoted to Sub Officer for three months, then LFF Kev Pickering for a further three months. FF Kev Moss is promoted to LFF.

We are still looking for more recruits. Any person interested in applying, or who would like more information, contact the local Station, or call the Recruitment Hotline on 01305 228957.

I will keep you informed of our progress through this column.

Temporary Sub Officer - Pat Merritt

FOOTNOTE: This is my first ever attempt as a journalist. If punctuation is incorrect please understand



**THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL
BUTT LANE, BERE REGIS**

The Benefits of Friendship

Most of us have a circle of friends we like to be with, and usually there is someone who is an especially close friend – a bosom pal or soul mate. A person in whose presence we can relax and open up to – sometimes about that which is very personal. Ideally that's the bonding that every marriage should have. Husbands and wives should not just be lovers, but over the years cultivate a deep and lasting friendship. There are of course many other forms of friendship.



But certain factors have to come together to forge such a friendship. The Bible gives us an insight into many great friendships but perhaps one of the strongest was a unique friendship forged between King Saul's son, Jonathan, and David. An unlikely pairing given that David at the time was a fugitive on the run from the insatiable jealousy of King Saul who feared (with good cause as it turned out) that David was to replace him as God's choice of King for Israel. Jonathan was the one who would lose out for he was next in line to his father's throne. And yet in David's hour of need Jonathan proved better than a brother. You see their friendship was not based on personal circumstances but firmly on a God who loved them and directed their lives. When the nation and the King were paralysed with fear and unbelief, these two men of faith had a spiritual affinity that provided mutual support and help.

Today the same Father God is able to provide us with friends – those who will stay by us when the crunch comes; those who will accept us for who we are; those who have the honesty to speak the truth in love to us. Doesn't the Bible say, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend"? A friend will always show loyalty and support. In the presence of a real friend we do not feel threatened or vulnerable – there is no fear of rejection. It is this fabric of friendship and fellowship that made the early church the greatest channel of blessing this world has ever known, and I believe it can be so today.

When Jesus spoke of His relationship with His disciples He said, "Greater love has no man than this, that He lay down His life for His friends. I no longer call you servants... instead I call you friends." What a Friend we have in Jesus! As He has accepted us, so we must accept one another.

May God bless you and your friends this month

AFFPUDDLE CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU TIME.

Thank you to Phil and Lindy Ventham for putting up, decorating the Christmas Tree and then dismantling it after Christmas. As usual it looked beautiful.

Thank you to all of you who gave money for the purchase of flowers to be used to decorate the church for Christmas. £24 was given and I bought six bunches of carnations, gypsophila and some silver twirly twig decorations which all helped to make the church look very festive for the Christmas services.

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts to the Christmas Gift Service on 21st December. The presents were taken into the Cheshire Homes at Dorchester and I reproduce their letter dated 23rd December:-

"Please accept our thanks yet again for the generosity of the Affpuddle PCC in donating the Christmas gifts, these have already been distributed and gratefully received by one and all.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Many thanks for your continued support."

Philippa Thomiley.

POST CHRISTMAS TIDY UP

Thank you Jenny Silavs who helped me clear up the Christmas Flowers.

Thank you to the four people who helped with the post Christmas special clean. It was possible to polish all the pews and other furniture, vacuum the hassocks and polish the wood floors. The church now smells of polish and is shiny clean for the New Year.

Philippa Thomiley.

**CHURCH CLEANING AND FLOWER ARRANGING
ROTA FOR 2004/05**

During March I will be compiling the new cleaning and flower arranging rota for the year 1st April 2004 to 31st March 2005. Unless I hear to the contrary I will

include all those names on the existing rota.

The commitment is to clean the church or do the flowers (which ever task has been volunteered) no more than two times in the year. I endeavour to try to fit in the duty when people are available. If you do both the flowers and the cleaning I try to put you down for both jobs on the same Sunday. (Several people have told me that that is the way that they like it). If, however, you would prefer to space out your flower and cleaning duties then I will try to fit it in that way.



Cleaning consists of dusting and sweeping through the church. Flower arranging consists of making sure that there is at least one vase with fresh flowers and foliage. (It is perfectly alright to recycle the previous weeks flowers providing they are not drooping or dead). Volunteers with all levels of skills are most welcome from budding Constance Sprys to putting a bunch of flowers in a vase. The only criteria is that the flowers should look fresh and tidy.

If you can help with either or both these tasks please contact me as soon as possible and no later than the end of February with your name

and the preferred time to do the flowers or cleaning.

As well as the weekly cleaning of the church there are four special cleans. At the special cleaning the pews, furniture and wood floors are polished, the hassocks vacuumed and the stone floors washed. Volunteers are always welcomed to help keep the church spick and span. The time is from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon and the four Saturdays are listed in the Parish Magazine.

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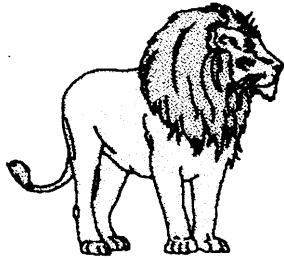
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BERE REGIS YOUTH 'LENNY'S'

The Christmas party night on the 23rd December was a great success, everyone had loads of fun and games with plenty to eat. A new Snowboarding game provided members with an opportunity to try out their skills on the virtual ski run. By the end of the evening most had achieved a surprisingly high level of skill. All

went home full of talk about what presents they were hoping to receive for Christmas.

The youth club re-opened again on the 13th January with members enjoying an evening of games, including darts and pool. As usual, the Play station game proving as popular as ever with members eagerly awaiting their turn. A fire drill also took place to remind members of the procedure they need to take in the event of an emergency evacuation. I am pleased to report that all went to plan with everyone clearing the building in an orderly, if somewhat noisy, fashion. Following the roll call, all were found to have been accounted for, and after receiving the all clear, returned to the building.

'Give Us a Clue', the popular team game, takes place on the 20th with two teams doing their very best to out guess the other. The various antics employed in trying to help their team members guess the answers, can be very entertaining.

Karaoke is on the programme again on the 27th. when there will be a chance for everyone to sing along to the words on the TV screen. The very brave giving a solo performance, the majority however performing as a double act or a group.

In February there is to be 'Glass painting' on the 10th, looking at 'Our Environment' on the 17th and another chance at 'Give Us a Clue' on the 24th.

Plenty of 'Arts and crafts' activities are on the programme during March, on the 9th there is 'Fimo Modelling, with 'Tie and Dye' on the 16th and 'Test Your Senses' on the 30th. A sporting challenge takes place on the 23rd with teams playing in a Carpet Bowls Match.

Membership Fees are now due, prompt payment would be much appreciated. Charges will remain at the same level as last year; Juniors (8-11) paying £2.50p and Seniors (12-17) paying £4.00p.

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Further information from Jane Soole on 01305 832069

BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL

At the January meeting the Council received details of a planning application from the County Council on which they were invited to comment. The application was from BP at Wytch Farm where, due to the decreasing quantities of LPG, they are intending to change the transport methods from rail to road. As the gas is no longer exported from Avonmouth but supplied more locally in Dorset and Wiltshire, it is more viable to deliver it direct from Wytch Farm. We are involved because the chosen route to the A35 from Wytch Farm includes the C6. The authorities recognise the problems by the School and up to the Poole Hill roundabout and have proposed some measures to improve the traffic management. Many of these proposals are included in the School's own proposals for a safe route so this latest proposal may well be a part means of financing the School scheme, as BP will have to foot the bill for the work.



This is the month when the Council finalises its estimates for the coming year - and hence the Parish element of the Council Tax. The budget was discussed in detail and in the end we arrived at a minimal increase in our expenditure. It is to be hoped that the District and the County might have a similar conclusion.

In the past there has been a team visit by the District Council to explain and seek opinions on the years Council Tax. Sadly the meetings were not very well attended and were then thought to be of no value. This year the County is doing the same exercise but is visiting larger centres. The nearest to us will be at Wareham on Monday 26th January from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Purbeck School. If you wish to have a say about the Council Tax - then that is the place to go. Note: I fully realise that the date of this meeting is prior to this journal's publication date but there will be some people who can pick this up on the Parish Web site. However a poster will be displayed in the notice boards.

The Council has been asked to consider the problems associated with affordable housing and have asked the District Council to bear us in mind. Affordable housing has to be provided with any new development but we have none in the pipeline. However in rural areas it is possible to provide some affordable housing on its own. There are specific ground rules to qualify for this and the Council feels that Bere Regis fits into those rules. However before we can get anywhere it is necessary to conduct a Housing Survey which has been mentioned before in this column. The Council is taking steps to get such a survey conducted and it is

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hoped that we would be well supported by all Parishioners to show the need for such housing here in Bere Regis.

The County has a scheme in mind for disposal of rubbish at Winfrith. However the District objects to this on the grounds that such a plant should be sited near to where the rubbish is created - in this case West Dorset. One of the obvious problems is transport of the rubbish and it might affect us as the dear old C6 is seen to be on the route - comment by your scribe 'for the life of me I cannot see a driver coming from Bridport to Winfrith via Bere Regis'. We await the discussions going on at present.

Where is the Youth Hut? Some money has been provided, planning approval has been obtained and the parties concerned have met to plan the work. The answer is that the team are waiting for improved weather and longer daylight hours. Do not despair it really is on the way.

Another big project on the way is the new Village Hall and after a long delay a planning application is being made for a revised plan that will see the hall built along Elder Road close to the Scout Hut. It is only after we have the planning approval that serious fund raising can commence.

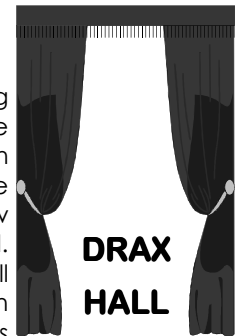
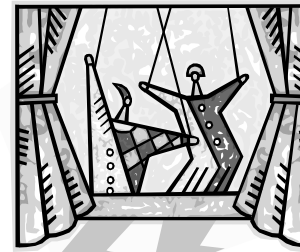
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DRAX HALL

As usual at half term we have a puppet show for the young children - and adults. This time we have the Storybox Theatre presenting 'The Snow Queen' which they first produced in 1991. The production retains all the beauty and magic of one of Hans Andersens' best loved stories. There is a world of snow

which is beautiful but very cold. Gerda's world is warm and full of flowers. Is she strong enough to find her friend Kay who has

lost himself in the palace of the Snow Queen? So begins her long journey The story of Gerda's long search for Kay is told using a blend of storytelling, live music and puppetry techniques by a single performer (Rod Burnett). Note the date Tuesday 17th February at 11.00am. Tickets from Mr Maunder at 15 North Street or 471342. Adults £3.00. Children £2.50.



Then in March we have a performance by the Forest Forge Theatre Company when they will present The Belle of Bonavista Bay. This is the story of people from these parts who two centuries ago emigrated to Newfoundland. It is a new play from Forest Forge and tells the story of one descendent who moves back today to find her roots in the New Forest. Its moving, amusing, about who we are and

where we come from, a story of love, loss and longing that seeks to move and amuse in equal measure. Make a note of the date - Wednesday 17th March at 7.30pm and watch out for the posters.

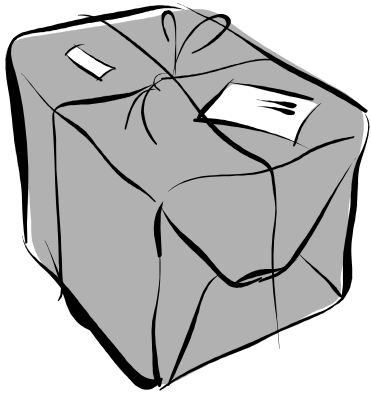
The preparations for the 'Bere Regis - a step back in time' exhibition are going very well. There are many items, not seen previously, being assembled which will be of interest to anybody who has an interest in the village. Items of interest are being sought and if anybody has anything then please contact Paul and Alison Bennett on 472023. Make a note of the date, Easter Monday 12th April from 10.00am to 4.00pm, in your diaries and tell your friends as these historical exhibitions are very popular.



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAREHAM

As in past years the Club visited the village with their mobile 'Christmas card' playing carols. It was only possible to tour a part of the village but we were extremely well received throughout. We were very pleased to see that £158 was collected that evening towards the Clubs Charities. This was just one visit to communities in the Wareham area and in all over £1100 was raised this year. This money goes towards local charities and individuals who have hit very hard times.



Also this year the Club contributed to the Shoe Box parcel scheme Our school came up with a brilliant pile of parcels so that in all we were able to send over 400 parcels from Wareham. These were then joined by parcels from around our Rotary District, which extends to Basingstoke and down to the Channel Isles, so that 26,000 parcels were sent to the children of Albania.

These were wonderful efforts by Bere Regis, and the Rotary Club of Wareham is most grateful to everybody for their involvement.

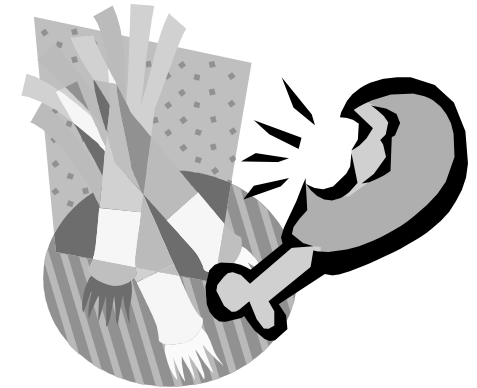
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Courtesy of Pat House

Cock-a-Leekie Soup

- 8 chicken thighs
- 6 leeks
- 12 ready soaked prunes
- salt and pepper
- chopped parsley



Wipe the chicken pieces and place in a large saucepan, cover with about 2 pints of cold water, add salt and pepper and bring to the boil. Remove any scum that may have come to the surface, cover with a tight fitting lid and simmer for about an hour.

Meanwhile prepare the leeks, trim off the coarse top leaves, split the leeks in half and cut into one inch lengths, wash them well.

Add the leeks to the soup and simmer for another 30mins.

Lift the chicken pieces from the soup, remove the skin and bones, and cut the meat into small pieces, add the meat to the soup, correct the seasoning if necessary. Just before serving the piping hot soup sprinkle on the finely chopped parsley. Serve with some crusty granary bread.

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HEALTH WALKS IN BERE REGIS.

Well done Bere Regis! The walks have had a marvellous start with 26 people on the first and 24 on the second, thus setting a local Dorset record for the most people on a Health Walk.

The walks are on pavements or good tracks around the village, last for about 30 to 45 minutes, are for all ages and abilities and led by trained volunteers.

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Walks will continue every Tuesday at 1030 from the Car Park in Manor Farm Road.

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Walking the Way to Health is an initiative of the British Heart Foundation, The Countryside Agency and the 'Keep Purbeck Walking' scheme.



PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Tax

There has been much argument and discussion as to the level of Council Tax for the coming year starting in April. It has not been decided as we go to press, but as soon as it is I will let you know. Many of us have been campaigning for much lower settlements than in previous years and I am hopeful that the County Council is beginning to listen to the strength of feelings against the recent years of double digit increases.

New Waste Plant at Winfrith

Following on from the discussions at Council about the proposed new Mechanical and Biological Treatment (MBT) plant at Winfrith. I expressed concern about this at this at our latest Council meeting and was supported by our County Councillor Malcolm Shakesby. Accordingly the following motion was unanimously passed from Purbeck District Council to the County Council for them to consider. "Local members emphasised that vehicles travelling from the west of the county to an MBT Plant at Winfrith would not in their opinion use the A352 through Whitcombe and Broadmayne, but would instead use the Puddletown bypass and then the C6 from Bere Regis which would be unacceptable on an already overcrowded road passing Bere Regis First School. If, however, the MBT Plant is sited at Winfrith then the County Council be requested to seek funding from the developer and others to construct a bypass around Bere Regis onto the southbound C6". Although the Plant would not be operational for a good few years, the purpose of this exercise was to put down a marker for the future.



Recycling Collections Dates

Somebody gave me the wrong dates for the last report so apologies to all concerned. The correct dates for Bere Regis start on Tuesday 6th January, and then every second Tuesday thereafter i.e. 20th Jan, 3rd & 17th Feb and so on. Once again, my profuse apologies to all who may have been misled by my previous article.

Surgery

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turbeville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and in the Bloxworth Village Club from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Purbeck District Council please come along. If anyone wants to contact me and cannot get to the surgery my email address is peterwharf@hotmail.com.

Peter Wharf, District Councillor

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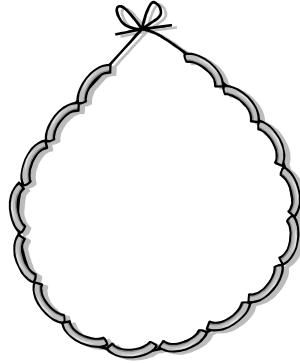
Pop In Place Poppets – Baby and Toddler Group

The Poppets Parent/Carer Baby and Toddler Group meet on a Thursday 1.30pm to 3pm. (during term time)

Poppets Activities for February:

- 5th February Sing-a-long with Pastor Jim
- 12th February Pasta necklaces
- 19th February HALF TERM
- 26th February Sticking pictures

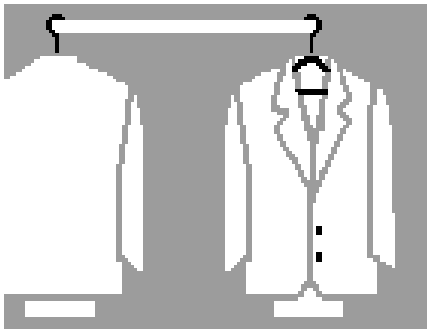
For more information contact Mandy on 472583.



The Pip Squeaks – Musical Youth Group

The Pip Squeaks are now working on the 'Thank You For The Music' future production. Dates for rehearsals are 5th, 19th and 26th February plus an additional workshop in half-term on Monday. We meet on a Thursday 6pm to 7.45pm at the Drax hall, apart from the second Thursday as its Parish Council. New members are always welcome.

50/50 Clothing Scheme



After Christmas it is always a good time to clear out some of your unwanted clothing. Please bear in mind our 'New to You' clothing scheme where you can make half the selling price for yourself and the other half goes to the Pop In Place funds. May we remind you that only good quality items are accepted and up to 8 items per person.

You may also donate items solely to the Pop In Place to be sold to enhance the project funds.



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Date	Trophy	Venue
Friday 26th March	GRS Trophy	Knighton Heath Golf Club
Friday 30th April	Jim Corbin Cup	Bulbury Woods Golf Club
Friday 28th May	Whitbread Shield	Crane Valley Golf Club
Friday 25th June	President's Cup	Came Down Golf Club
Friday 30th July	Captain's Cup	Parkstone Golf Club
Friday 27th August	Landlord's Cup	Lyme Regis Golf Club
Friday 24th September	Rob Hall Trophy	Windwhistle Golf Club

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A G M – Thursday 18th November 2003. Drax Arms 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

Christmas Cup of Good Cheer - Bulbury Woods GC - Saturday 11th December

POP IN PLACE NEWS

Alice in Panto Land Report

The Pip Squeaks musical youth group pantomime 'Alice in Panto Land' raised a sum of £164-12. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.



The Pop In Place – Open Gardens Event

The Open Gardens event will take place on Sunday 18th July. We need your kind offers of gardens for this event, by the end of March, in writing to Alison Bennett, 3 Rye Hill Close, Bere Regis. We will require you to get in touch with us in writing even if you have opened your garden in previous years. Many thanks in advance for your kind offers.

Thank You For The Music

On Saturday 20th March is a community concert arranged by the Pop In Place and as a tribute to Nick White the proceeds will be donated to the Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance. Tickets are available from Alison on 472023 or at the Pop In Place at £3 each on a first come first served basis. Book your tickets now to avoid disappointment, cash with orders please.



Appeal for Volunteer Drivers

We require some new volunteer drivers, to cover the more isolated areas, who could collect and return clients. If you are able to help for a couple of hours per week, to enhance people's quality of life by allowing them to attend our project, this could be your way of helping the community. For more information contact Alison on 472023 or Dr. Tim Harley.

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As over 50% of the population in the South West live in rural areas, it is more than likely that the lack of affordable rural housing impacts on your village or neighbouring community.

This is where the Rural Housing Enablers, employed by Dorset Community Action, can assist you and your local council to meet the affordable housing needs of local communities of less than 3000 population.

The Rural Housing Enabler can:

Help identify and raise awareness of rural housing needs by supporting and providing advice to rural communities to undertake housing needs surveys.

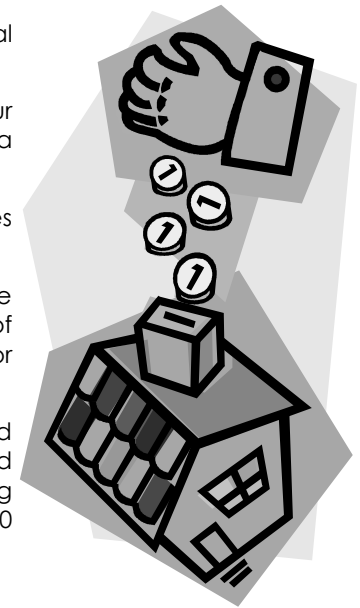
Liase with all the organisations who have a role to play in the provision of affordable housing in rural areas – rural communities, housing associations, local authorities and landowners.

Assist local authorities to effectively implement exception sites and quota policies by identifying suitable sites and feeding into supplementary planning guidance.

Act as an independent broker to help overcome the obstacles which hinder the provision of rural affordable housing

North Dorset was one of the first councils in the country to get a Rural Housing Enabler as part of a pilot study and now two years on Rachel Kalis, RHE for North Dorset is seeing her earlier work come to fruition with over 30 new affordable housing units being available by the end of 2003

Thanks to the work of the Rural Housing Enabler and the generosity of the landowner, two affordable homes will shortly be completed in Stourton Caundle, North Dorset. Two families from the village have succeeded in getting together sufficient mortgage to part buy the two 3 bedroom houses in spite of the dramatic



rise in house values since the scheme was devised. They are only allowed to increase the proportion of the house they own up to a limit of 80%, and if they sell their share, they have to offer it to Stourton Caundle residents first, then to the surrounding villages and then only to the wider community if there is no demand from local residents.

There is a Rural Housing Enabler working in Purbeck who will be more than willing to attend a local meeting or discuss local needs and possible solutions. You can contact Andy Lloyd on 01929 557386 or e-mail him on andy.lloyd@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk

Dorset Community Action (DCA) is an independent voluntary organisation and charitable company. It is governed by a Board of Trustees, and has a membership of voluntary organisations, community groups, social enterprises and local authorities from across Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole.

DCA is committed to encouraging and supporting the interests of local communities in consultation, transport, community facilities, learning and skills, regeneration, sustainable living and social issues. We also initiate and deliver new services, which respond to local needs.

DCA is also the Council for Voluntary Service for Dorset and supports the development of the voluntary sector through information, networking, representation, building capacity, and filling gaps.

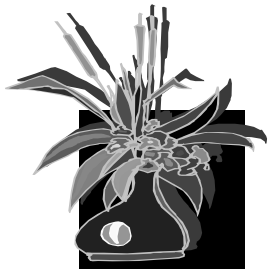
DCA works in partnership with, and is funded by, the Countryside Agency, Dorset's local authorities, the Learning and Skills Council, and other statutory and grant-making bodies.

To find out more information, please visit Dorset Community Action's website: www.DorsetCommunityAction.org.uk

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP

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